

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~modulating~~ preventing a transplantation-associated immune response in a subject, comprising:

administering to ~~[[a]]~~said subject ~~in need of~~ an effective amount of a conjugate comprising ~~a carboxyl group containing organic compound~~ methotrexate and albumin at a methotrexate:albumin molar ratio of 1:1000 to 2:1~~[[,]]~~

~~wherein said carboxyl group containing organic compound is a cytostatic or an immunosuppressant.~~

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said transplantation-associated immune response is graft versus host disease (GVHD).

4. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said GVHD is an acute GVHD.

5. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said GVHD is a chronic GVHD.

6. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said transplantation is a bone marrow transplantation.

7. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said transplantation is an organ transplantation.

8. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said transplantation is an allogeneic transplantation.

9-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said albumin is human albumin.

13. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said albumin is a native human albumin.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing a conjugate comprising ~~a carboxyl group-containing organic compound~~ methotrexate and albumin, said method comprising:

activating ~~said carboxyl group-containing organic compound~~ methotrexate with 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl) carbonyldiimide in an organic solvent; and

reacting activated ~~carboxyl group-containing organic compound~~ methotrexate with albumin at a methotrexate:albumin molar ratio of 10:1 to 1:10[[,]]

~~wherein said carboxyl group-containing organic compound is a cytostatic or an immunosuppressant.~~

16-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein said ~~carboxyl group-containing organic compound~~ methotrexate is activated with 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl) carbodiimide in an anhydrous organic solvent by heating.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[8]]7, wherein said organ transplantation is selected from the group consisting of kidney, heart and liver transplantation.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[18]]15, wherein said methotrexate is reacted with albumin at a methotrexate:albumin molar ratio of 1.5:1 to 1:1.5.